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**MASSACHUSETTS**

**NEW NCCC Atlantic Region and City of Springfield, MA  
 Springfield, MA**

**To be deployed: June 8-25, 2011**

One AmeriCorps NCCC team from the Atlantic Region will be deployed to Springfield, MA to assist with debris clean up, and cutting up trees.

**VERMONT**

**NEW AmeriCorps NCCC Atlantic Region, Vermont VOAD and Southern Baptist  
 Barre, VT**

**To Be Deployment: June, 7-25, 2011**

Two Atlantic Region AmeriCorps NCCC will be deployed to Barre, VT in response to severe flooding at the request of the Vermont VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). Southern Baptist will provide training and supervision. Teams will be mucking and gutting homes.

**NORTH/SOUTH DAKOTA**

**NEW NCCC North Central Region and Lutheran Disaster Response**

Ten AmeriCorps NCCC members from the North Central Region will depart on Tuesday, June 7 for Williston, North Dakota. They will be working with Lutheran Disaster Response to assist residents that have been impacted by 2011 flooding. Members will clear debris from homes, sanitize and remove sheetrock/paneling as needed.

**NEW Situation Update (as of June 2, 2011)**

Ft. Pierre/Pierre residents along with 600+ individuals from the National Guard and hundreds of other SD citizens from other communities in SD have joined forces to complete the building of levees and stacking sandbags in less than a 10 day notice while evacuating homes and removing items in preparation of the US Corps of Engineers increasing the release of water from the Oahe Dam. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, the US Army Corps of Engineers opened the stilling basin for the third time in

the Oahe Dam's history (1966 dedicated by President John Kennedy). Twenty-one days later, Pierre and Ft. Pierre faced unprecedented flooding as the water release rate increased from 55,000 cubic feet per second (5/20/11) to 85,000 cfs (5/28/11) to 150,000 cfs (6/7/11). The record high amount of moisture/snow received in late 2010 and the spring of 2011 from Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota has filled the 6 manmade dams on the Missouri River to record highs! High releases from the Ft. Peck Dam in Montana, Garrison Dam in North Dakota and the four dams (Oahe Dam, Ft. Thompson Dam, Ft. Randall Dam and Gavin's Point Dam) in South Dakota. Over 3800 individuals are displaced in Ft Pierre/Pierre, approximately 4000-5000 in Bismarck/Mandan, ND and 4000 in Minot, ND.

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**NEW Senior Corps and AmeriCorps**

The Corporation's Senior Corps and AmeriCorps programs are involved in assisting in not only the larger towns mentioned above but smaller communities that line the Missouri River in evacuating and sandbagging their own properties as well as helping others do the same. National service members are operating call centers, assisting at emergency shelters in Pierre, Bismarck, and Minot, ND.

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**NEW Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions**

FGP and SCP volunteers are continuing to serve children and the frail elderly as they are confronted with the problems of flooded homes, etc.

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**NEW ND RSVP**

RSVP volunteers are manning call centers, assisting at shelters in schools, churches and other facilities, providing food preparation and service to volunteers and other tasks as necessary. The Central ND RSVP office in ND state capitol city of Bismarck formalized an agreement with RSVP to facilitate disaster-related volunteer dispatch as the city wanted a one-stop shop to manage that part of the emergency plan. RSVP in Bismarck has a MOU with the city of Bismarck to coordinate all volunteers

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**North State Commission  
Bismark, ND**

North Dakota State Commission staff is helping sandbagging efforts in Bismark, ND in anticipation of significant flooding along the Missouri River.

**MONTANA**

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**Statewide Flooding**

**NEW Montana State Commission, AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region, Montana  
Conservation Corps**

Montana Conservation Corps is currently sandbagging in Bozeman and Billings. Programs are in communication and are on standby and ready to deploy their members as needed. AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Region has been in communication with the MT State Commissions re: response to state-declared disasters due to flooding.

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**NEW Senior Corps, RSVP**

Senior Corps projects are active in disaster response throughout the state- have been helping with evacuations, supporting American Red Cross, and Salvation Army delivering meals. RSVP paired up with local high school students in Livingston doing sandbagging. RSVP members

assisting at-risk seniors pump out their homes. Senior Corps conducting a statewide collection for donated food and necessary supplies

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### **Richland/McCone RSVP**

RSVP Staff met with Red Cross to determine how they can help. The Health Department and other organizations will be purchasing generic flood kits to be distributed by volunteers. They will also be running PSAs and information on how to safely clean your flooded basement and other precautions. Links to sites listing flood information will be posted on the Health Department web and facebook page, as well as RSVP's facebook page. Volunteers will be activated to support efforts.

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### **Area II RSVP**

RSVP is contacting the DES Coordinator in Wheatland County to see how they can help. They have already had several requests to help people move belongings to higher ground. Needs identified so far are sandbagging, helping with road blocks, getting information out, and potentially helping those needing to evacuate.

## **MISSOURI**

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### **Joplin, MO Tornado**

#### **NEW Mayor Landrieu Offers Send-Off For New Orleans Relief Contingent Traveling To Joplin, Missouri**

##### *Group to Provide Meals and Louisiana Hospitality*

Today, set against the backdrop of the National Conference on Volunteering and Service, Mayor Mitch Landrieu joined conference officials in an official "send-off" of a team of New Orleanians to Joplin, Missouri. Led by Greg Reggio and the Taste Buds, a local culinary company, and under the heading of "Three Chefs: One Mission," the group will deploy to Joplin to help the victims of the devastating tornado that took the lives of 138 people and destroyed a large portion of the city. The New Orleans contingent, including a caravan of refrigerated trucks, trailers, cooking equipment, tents, generators, busses and a 24' music stage will leave from New Orleans. Upon arriving in Joplin, the group will feed over 1,000 people fresh Louisiana seafood on June 7. They will return to New Orleans on June 8. "Our mission is a simple one – to bring a little bit of Louisiana food, music and spirit and a lot of Louisiana love to the people of Joplin, Missouri," said Reggio. "Sharing great food and music provides much more than filling the bellies and ears of those in need. Even if just for a moment - but hopefully for a few hours - we'll ease the minds and lift the spirits of the Joplin community."

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#### **NEW Louisiana Serve Commission**

##### **Jefferson City, MO**

Louisiana Serve Commission staff will be deployed to Jefferson City, MO to assist with donations management.

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#### **NEW Volunteer Florida Joplin, MO**

Volunteer Florida has deployed staff members under an EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Compact) to Joplin, MO to assist with donations management and human services.

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**NEW HEAL AR AmeriCorps Program**

**Joplin, MO**

**Deployed: May 28-30, 2011**

Eleven members of the HEAL Arkansas AmeriCorps program deployed to Joplin, MO to assist with disaster relief work. Members greeted, registered, provided safety talks and oriented volunteers. They were also placed in the field in 5 different divisions throughout the worst affected areas and organized, lead and equipped/provided resources approximately 3,000 volunteers in the field. Over the course of the two days that they were there, the AmeriCorps members supervised nearly 820 volunteers, and approximately 5,000 volunteer hours were reported by their division in that 48 hour period.

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**Update Joplin National Service Situation Report: May 31, 2011**

Four members of the CNCS Disaster Cadre have been deployed to Joplin, MO to assist with coordinating CNCS programs on the ground, integrating new teams into disaster recovery activities. FEMA and state officials in Missouri have requested CNCS staff support to assist with on the ground operations including providing support for deployed AmeriCorps service projects and national service members. Cadre activities will include project development, logistical support, safety assurance, coordination among voluntary agencies and support in the various federal and inter-agency disaster offices

- CNCS Disaster Cadre deployed:
  - Kevin Rumery, NCCC Southwest Region Unit Leader
  - Will Chrysanthos, Eli Segal Fellow (HQ)
  - Patti Stengel, MO/KS State Program Specialist, Kansas City, MO
  - Bill Dillon, WA/AK State Program Specialist, Seattle, WA
- Working task areas:
  - Kevin Rumery is working as Cadre lead and coordinating with FEMA and other CNCS partners in the mission. He will maintain overall mission situational awareness and coordinate needs for future assets.
  - Will Chrysanthos is working on gathering service stories and capturing multimedia content from members and other volunteers about AmeriCorps. He will house with teams at the United Methodist Church in Carl Junction and act as liaison with that sponsor to nurture the relationship. He is the designated PIO for coordination with HQ publicity efforts.
  - Bill Dillon is working to identify and track CNCS assets (teams) assigned to MO. He will maintain our deployment "snapshot" and coordinate with Bruce Bailey regarding rotations, strength, durations and dates of deployment, and any operational needs.
  - Patti Stengel is working closely with FEMA Lead VAL James Woodworth to provide information capture and coordinate VOAD/COAD meetings.
- Work Location:
  - FEMA does not currently have a JFO/AFO in Joplin. The Disaster Cadre are working out of the Billingsly Student Center on the Missouri Southern State University Campus. This is also where the Volunteer Reception Center and many of the AmeriCorps members are located. FEMA is currently seeking facilities to establish an AFO, but this may not happen this week
- Presidential Visit:

## Corporation for National and Community Service Disaster Deployment Activity

- Several NCCC and St. Louis safety Corps AmeriCorps members represented AmeriCorps at the Joplin, MO memorial service on 5/29/11, which was also attended by President Obama.
- President Obama had the opportunity to meet with a small group of AmeriCorps members from HEAL Arkansas and unaffiliated volunteers as he toured the disaster zone. The President shook hands with all the volunteers and a series of staged photos were taken by a White House photographer. Will Chrysanthos has forwarded the contact info for that photographer to HQ.
- Activity over Memorial Day Weekend
  - A tremendous number of volunteers are present in Joplin. On Saturday, May 29, there were 3,187 unaffiliated volunteers registered through the Volunteer Reception Center. Per Bruce Bailey, total number of unaffiliated volunteer hours so far is over 27,000 as of Saturday (excluding national service hours)
- Current Status of Programs: 98 members in Joplin
 

○ AmeriCorps St. Louis	25	Joplin
○ NCCC Southwest Region	43	Joplin
○ Washington Conservation Corps	12	Joplin
○ Minnesota Conservation Corps	10	Joplin
○ American YouthWorks	8	Joplin
○ Hoopa TCCC	11	SE MO (Morehouse)
- AmeriCorps Members are engaged in a range of activities including operating the missing person hotline, establishing the volunteer reception center, managing a donations warehouse, coordinating volunteers, and clearing debris\*
- Planned Rotations:
  - 2 new NCCC teams from the Southwest Region will deploy from Denver, CO and Madison, AL, respectively, and are expected to arrive in Joplin on Wednesday, June 1. Washington Conservation Corps and Hoopa TCCC have rotations pending.
- AmeriCorps St Louis and ERT are the lead in managing the volunteer effort in Joplin. Members from NCCC and other programs are being integrated into teams covering multiple function areas to include: Missing Persons, Donations, Volunteer Reception Center, Field teams leading volunteers, maintaining AmeriCorps presence at the Multi Agency Resource Center (MARC), and supporting Safe and Well functions with American Red Cross.
- National service tasks have been focused on search and recovery efforts and with debris removal, though some direct assistance to homeowners has started.
- AmeriCorps coordinates at least 500 volunteers a day, although, earlier in the week the number was closer to 1,000.
- There are 20,000 logged volunteers through the volunteer reception center and United Way.
- Bruce Bailey of AmeriCorps St. Louis hosted FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate Alex Amparo Senior Advisor David Myers DHS Director of Faith based Initiatives a, tour of affected area in Joplin, MO. Fugate also met with responding AmeriCorps members.

*\* Note: Safety considerations continue to remain a top priority. Every effort and precaution is being taken to ensure National Service Participants, AmeriCorps Members, non-profits, unaffiliated volunteers, federal partners, etc are performing duties in a hazard free environment. The EPA is on site monitoring air quality and other potential hazards on a daily basis.*

**FEMA Mission Assignment: Hoopa TCCC AmeriCorps  
 Morehouse, MO  
 Deployed: May 22, 2011**

The Hoopa TCCC is working Morehouse responding to the disaster caused by the late April flooding in Southeast Missouri.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: NCCC Southwest Region and AmeriCorps St. Louis  
Emergency Response Team  
Joplin, MO**

**Deployed: May 2-June 6th**

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams were redeployed from St. Louis to Joplin, MO to assist with disaster relief efforts in partnership with the AmeriCorps St. Louis Emergency Response Team, Washington Conservation Corps, TCCC HOOPA. AmeriCorps members are helping to set up Disaster Recovery Centers and starting the process of debris removal.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: NCCC Southwest Region and AmeriCorps St. Louis  
Emergency Response Team  
Joplin, MO**

**Deployed: Monday, May 24, 2011**

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams deployed from Denver and these AmeriCorps members are helping to set up Disaster Recovery Centers and starting the process of debris removal.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: NCCC Southwest Region and AmeriCorps St. Louis  
Emergency Response Team  
Joplin, MO**

**Deployed: Tuesday, May 31, 2011**

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams will deploy from Denver and these AmeriCorps members are helping to set up Disaster Recovery Centers and starting the process of debris removal.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: AmeriCorps St. Louis Emergency Response Team Supporting  
Joplin, MO  
Joplin, MO**

**Deployed: May 22, 2011**

AmeriCorps St. Louis members deployed late 5/22/2011 to Joplin, MO to clear roads and handle other high priority response.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: Washington Conservation Corps  
Joplin, MO**

**Deployed: May 22, 2011**

The Washington Conservation Corps redeployed from St. Louis to Joplin to assist with disaster recovery.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: Minnesota Conservation Corps  
Joplin, MO  
To Be Deployed**

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: American Youth Works  
Joplin, MO  
To Be Deployed**

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: CNCS Disaster Cadre Deployment**  
**Joplin, MO**

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**RSVP**

**Joplin, MO**

RSVP volunteers are helping around the Joplin area with recovery. Some RSVP volunteers lost their lives in the tornado.

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**AmeriCorps Program in Purdy, MO**

**Joplin, MO**

Members of an AmeriCorps Program funded by the Missouri State Commission were deployed to Joplin, MO to assist with disaster relief work.

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**National Center for Appropriate Technology AmeriCorps National Direct**

**Joplin, MO**

Members of the NCAT AmeriCorps National Direct program in Northwest Arkansas have deployed to assist their neighbors in Joplin, MO.

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**St. Louis Flooding and Tornadoes-April 22, 2011**

**AmeriCorps VISTA**

AmeriCorps VISTA members in Popular Bluff, MO are currently working at the local coliseum, signing up and organizing volunteers to help at an evacuation shelter.

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**Washington State Conservation Corps and AmeriCorps St. Louis Emergency Response Team**

**St. Louis, MO**

Southwestern Airlines has donated 12 round trip tickets and the 12 members of the Washington State Conservation Corps will be coming to St. Louis to conduct debris removal.

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**AmeriCorps\*National Preparedness and Response Corps (NPRC)**

Members have deployed with the American Red Cross to support response efforts in Mississippi, Oklahoma, and North Carolina:

- Two members from the Grant Woods Area Chapter in Cedar Rapids, IA are performing client casework in Jackson, MS. One member from the American Red Cross in Greater New York Chapter in New York, NY is working as a Shelter Manager at a shelter in Fayetteville, NC.
- Four members from the Southeast Louisiana Chapter in New Orleans, LA are serving as caseworkers in two locations: two in Oklahoma, and two in Mississippi.

Family Resource Center. The team assisted with debris cleanup, donations sorting and distribution and other tasks as needed.

**ALABAMA**

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**Tornadoes-April 27<sup>th</sup>**



**NEW NCCC Atlantic Region and Temporary Emergency Services**

**Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Deployed: June 1, 2011**

One AmeriCorps NCCC team from the Atlantic region was deployed to Tuscaloosa to assist in warehouse operations.

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**NEW NCCC Atlantic Region**

**Birmingham, AL**

**Deployed: June 2-25, 2011**

One AmeriCorps NCCC team from the Atlantic Region was deployed to Birmingham, AL to assist at the FEMA JFO working in the FEMA individual assistance group.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: NCCC Atlantic Region**

**Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Deployed: May 23, 2011**

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams of 20 members and one staff member were deployed to Tuscaloosa, LA where they will be supporting the State Disaster Warehouse.

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**FEMA Mission Assignment: Washington Conservation Corps**

**Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Deployed: May 24, 2011**

One Washington Conservation Corps AmeriCorps crew of 10 and 2 supervisors will be deployed to Tuscaloosa, AL where they will be assisting low-income, disabled, and elderly applications with debris removal from private property.

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**NCCC Southwest Region and United Saints Recovery Project**

**Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Deployed: May 17, 2011**

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams deployed to work on volunteer coordination, supply distribution, home repairs, and other necessary tasks.

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**NCCC Southern Region and CitiIMPACT**

**Madison, AL**

**Deployed: May 16, 2011**

One AmeriCorps NCCC team was deployed to Madison, AL, to conduct feeding operations, supply distribution, and other necessary tasks, with CitiIMPACT, an international faith-based ministry.

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**NCCC Atlantic Region and Bay Area Food Bank**

**Theodore, AL**

**Deployed: May 18, 2011**

One AmeriCorps NCCC team will be deployed to work on food donation management in Theodore, Alabama.

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**NCCC Atlantic Region and Temporary Emergency Services**

**Tuscaloosa, AL**



**Deployed: May 16, 2011**

Two AmeriCorps NCCC teams were deployed to work with Temporary Emergency Services on organizing donations, loading and unloading trucks, client assistance, clerical duties, and other general disaster relief tasks.

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**NCCC Atlantic Region and Alabama Service Commission, Hands On Disaster Services  
Deployed Thursday, May 5, 2011**

One AmeriCorps NCCC team from the Atlantic Region has been deployed to Tuscaloosa, AL teams to help support the Tuscaloosa Volunteer Reception Center and run a donations warehouse.

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**NCCC Atlantic Region and Temporary Emergency Services  
Tuscaloosa, AL**

**Deployed: May 17, 2011**

Four AmeriCorps NCCC Teams from the Atlantic Region deployed to work with Temporary Emergency Services setting up warehousing operations for up to 12 different warehouse locations.

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**Situation Update (as of 5/19/2011) from the Alabama Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives**

The Alabama Commission has been activated at Level 1 at the State Emergency Operations Center has been since April 27, 2011. On Monday May 9, 2011 operations began to transition to the Joint Field Office in Birmingham. Additionally the Commission is:

- Alabama Commission staff is embedded at the FEMA Joint Field Office and coordinating efforts with their FEMA Volunteer Agency Liaison (VAL).
- Coordinating VRC (VRCs listed at [www.ServeAlabama.gov](http://www.ServeAlabama.gov)) coverage for the State in partnership with the Alabama VOAD.
- Providing coverage to t27 Disaster Recovery Centers
- Participating on the joint state/federal housing task force as housing Volunteer Florida staff are supporting the Joint Field Office (Birmingham) working with GFBCI staff on VRC support and transition planning to Long Term Recovery.
- Volunteer Florida and Serve Louisiana have provided consultation and materials to support the AL Commission inventory in some affected areas is almost non-existent.

Volunteers can register at 211 or by visiting [www.ServeAlabama.gov](http://www.ServeAlabama.gov)

Donations can be made by visiting [www.ServeAlabama.gov](http://www.ServeAlabama.gov) (the Commission utilizes Aidmatrix (the National Donations Management System)).

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**Volunteer and Information Center VISTA**

- The Volunteer and Information Center VISTA project deployed 4 staff and 1 AmeriCorps VISTA member to set up and coordinate a VRC for the Cullman County area. 2,341 volunteers have been registered, safety trained and dispatched into the affected area.
  - VIC staff and the VISTA member trained the United Way staff in Cullman and volunteers to run and manage the VRC after the project left on Sunday evening. The sponsor worked closely with the Cullman County EMA director and Cullman City officials to identify needs and coordinate volunteer service of the thousands of (SUV's) Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers who arrived wanting to help.
  - A total of 13,944 volunteer hours were provided in Cullman County from noon April 29<sup>th</sup> until 6pm on Sunday.
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**Volunteer and Information Center AmeriCorps\*VISTA**

- 5 staff and 2 AmeriCorps VISTA members were deployed to Elmore County, AL. Staff and VISTA members set-up the Volunteer Reception Center.
- 527 volunteers were registered, provided safety training and deployed into the affected area. A total of 2,108 volunteer hours were provided by spontaneous unaffiliated volunteers in the Elmore County disaster response effort from 12 Noon until 5pm on April 28.

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**United Way of Central Alabama/Hands On Birmingham AmeriCorps\*VISTA  
Birmingham, AL**

- The sponsor is managing the 2-1-1 call center in Birmingham, AL. A total of 5,000 calls are reported by Call Specialists into the 2-1-1 system daily.
- The United Way of Central Alabama VISTA sponsor in Birmingham, AL and Media General Inc. teamed up in a 22 hour telethon Wednesday, May 4 to raise money for victims of the deadly Alabama tornados. A total of \$700,000+ dollars were raised during the telethon.

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**Hale Empowerment Revitalization Organization AmeriCorps\*VISTA  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama**

The AmeriCorps sponsor is coordinating relief efforts in the affected communities of Hale County, Alabama where 32 homes were destroyed, 16 receiving severe damage and 6 fatalities are reported. VISTA members had had an incredible impact in coordinating relief efforts

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**Calhoun County RSVP  
Jacksonville, Alabama**

The Calhoun County RSVP has opened a Volunteer Reception Center in the Ohatchee Alabama City Hall. RSVP volunteers are supporting relief efforts with distribution of supplies and feeding. The RSVP Volunteers have registered 700+ volunteers and have supported over 300 tornado victims.

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**Etowah County RSVP**

Etowah County RSVP is working closely with the Etowah County VOAD in coordinating volunteers and donations in the aftermath of this deadly disaster.

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**National Preparedness & Response Corps**

NPRC host sites have deployed members to support American Red Cross efforts in the wake of tornadoes and flooding in the southern and central states:

- NEW York has deployed four members to Alabama
- Philadelphia has deployed two members to drive their Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) to Alabama
- Chicago has deployed two members to Alabama to support feeding operations.
- Springfield has deployed one member to drive the ERV from the Peoria, IL chapter to Alabama, and another member to work support shelter operations there, as well.
- San Francisco has deployed two members to support the Safe and Well disaster survivor location program in Alabama.
- NEW Orleans has deployed all five of their members to both Alabama and Mississippi to support a variety of Red Cross efforts in those states.
- Santa Barbara has sent one member to Alabama to do casework.

**Prevent. Prepare. Respond (American Red Cross – Louisville Chapter)**

An AmeriCorps member serving in the Prevent. Prepare. Respond. - American Red Cross-Louisville Chapter, deployed for Alabama yesterday in an Emergency Communication Response Vehicle (ECRV). The ECRV is used to help disaster victims communicate with family/friends as well and has the capability of airing live via CNN and/or local airwaves.

**NEW COMPLETED Volunteer Florida**

Volunteer Florida has deployed staff members under an EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Compact) to Alabama to assist with donations management and human services.

**COLORADO**

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**NEW NCCC Southwest Region**

Colorado Springs, CO

Deployed: June 1, 2011

An AmeriCorps team from the Southwest Region responded to a page for a fire on Wednesday, June 1st. The fire was at a tomato factory about half an hour outside downtown Colorado Springs. The team acted as relief and support to local firefighters already on the scene. The fire, which was in the compost pile at the factory, was smoldering upon Fire 2's arrival. The team helped rake out berms of compost and identify any areas still burning. After thirty minutes or so of raking, the team was called off raking and anymore hot spots were suppressed by the spreading of foam over the entire area.

**NCCC Southwest Region**

Fort Carson, CO

Deployed: Sunday, May 22, 2011

Five members of an NCCC team working in Colorado Springs, CO with the El Paso County Sheriff's Department were deployed on a fire on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. They worked at Fort Carson on a fire started by a lightning strike. The team was patrolling the perimeter and creating a 12-foot fuel break. Monday, the entire team conducted mop up of the fire (patrolled the burnt part of the fire; found warm spots and stirred the coals to ensure nothing was smoldering).

**FLORIDA**

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**NEW Volunteer Florida**

The week of May 23, Volunteer Florida participated in a Statewide Hurricane Exercise; a simulated hurricane experience that convened all of Florida's State Emergency Response Team and challenged them to respond as if a hurricane were occurring. Staff operated in disaster mode, including drills to evacuate the office and ensure staff had all materials to effectively operate and assist Floridians; a COOP deployment to Camp Blanding, a National Guard base in Central Florida that's activated in the event of a hurricane threatening the Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee; set-up and activation of the Florida Volunteer and Donations Hotline; and press releases and other public information efforts. This exercise gave Volunteer Florida and its partners an opportunity to update contact information, renew relationships, assess availability of trained AmeriCorps members and prepare Volunteer Florida staff for what is expected to be a busy hurricane season. Volunteer Florida's staff has also responded to assist survivors of recent tornadoes. Through a 4-week Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) mission from May 3 to June 3, Volunteer Florida supported Alabama's Governor's Office of Faith-Based

and Community Initiatives who are coordinating the voluntary and donations response to the recent tornadoes. Also, On May 29<sup>th</sup>, Volunteer Florida's Emergency Management Consultant was deployed to Joplin, Missouri to support the response to the tornadoes. This was a request from Missouri's State Emergency Management Agency EMAC staff to coordinate the donated goods operations and her role has expanded from donations management to Human Services Branch Director.

### **GEORGIA**

#### **Tornados-April 27<sup>th</sup>**

##### **Georgia Commission for Service and Volunteerism**

The Georgia Commission hosted a highly attended volunteer day on May 7<sup>th</sup> which had a large presence by local AmeriCorps members.

### **ILLINOIS**

#### **Flooding**

##### **Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps**

**May 17-18, 2011**

Due to recent flooding, Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps members will be doing an AmeriCorps Week project that focuses on helping flood victims get back on their feet. They will be hosting a food and cleaning supply drive in which all items collected will be donated to flood victims in Cairo. AmeriCorps Members will be raising awareness of AmeriCorps with a Flood Recovery Service Project for Cairo, Metropolis, Cape Girardeau, and Carbondale. They will stuff a truck with cleaning supplies and nonperishable food items in Cape Girardeau and Carbondale.

### **IOWA**

#### **Tornados and Flooding**

##### **NEW Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service**

- Volunteer Generation Fund grantee New Volunteer Center of Woodbury County in partnership with IA Commission staff are assisting with donations and volunteer management in Woodbury County
- AmeriCorps members and IA Commission staff are assisting staff call centers, filling sandbags, overseeing volunteers
- Habitat for Humanity AmeriCorps members are working on rebuilding homes post-tornado

##### **Iowa Campus Compact AmeriCorps program (ICAP)**

###### **Storm Lake, Iowa**

Recent tornadoes left heavy damage to several communities in northwest Iowa. AmeriCorps members in ICAP who are serving at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, have volunteered with coordinating service projects in three counties (Sac, Buena Vista, and Pocahontas). AmeriCorps members have been sent mainly to farm homes, but have done continual projects in five specific regions. The members have also collected clothing, blankets and monetary donations to assist with the cleanup. On the university's day of service ("Buenafication" Day,) AmeriCorps members served as site leaders and led over 100 of their peers in tornado clean up. Projects are continuing and they send groups out sometimes daily. Their AmeriCorps members have been instrumental in direct service with the efforts, but also the behind the scenes work with coordinating service sites, follow ups, and mapping out projects.

**KENTUCKY**

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**Flooding**

**Prevent. Prepare. Respond (American Red Cross – Louisville Chapter)**

Members are still responding in McCracken County as well as other counties in the Western half of the state. Members are all still supporting ARC disaster response efforts. .

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**Homeland Security Corps (sponsored by the Green River Area Development District)**

All shelters in the area have been closed. 15 people were sheltered overnight during the flooding. Several hundred meals were served from shelters during the flooding. Members served day and night at shelters during the flooding. Several members assisted at shelters, with damage assessment and in distributing clean up kits for the Red Cross.

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**Senior Connections AmeriCorps Program (sponsored by the Green River Area Development District-GRADD)**

An AmeriCorps member at the Big Rivers Red Cross in Owensboro, KY has been sent to Paducah, KY for two weeks to assist with flood recovery. Several members have been involved in damage assessment for the Red Cross and Emergency Management in the region. This process will continue because as flood waters continue to recede more damage is revealed. Several members have also delivered Red Cross Clean Up Kits to residents affected by the flood. Several members at senior centers have had increased activity at their service sites to serve people affected by flooding.

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**Green River Area Development District (GRADD)**

AmeriCorps members and GRADD staff are volunteering at shelters in Owensboro, Henderson, in Union County, and in Calhoun at the Senior Center. All shelters are still fully operational.

**MINNESOTA**

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**VISTA**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Four VISTA members and one VISTA Alum are playing coordinating roles in the disaster response effort following a tornado in Minnesota that killed two Minneapolis residents and damaged many homes and businesses on Sunday, May 22, 2011.

**MISSISSIPPI**

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**Tornadoes-April 27, 2011**

**Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service Situation Update (as of 5/26)  
Jackson, MS**

The Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service (MCVS) launched a Flood Recovery Volunteer Registration program on May 12<sup>th</sup>, and over 800 individuals have registered. Individuals and

volunteer groups interested in serving affected areas after flood waters recede may register online at [www.mcvs.org](http://www.mcvs.org) or call 888.353.1793 to register by phone. MCVS continues to work with local Emergency Managers in federally declared disaster counties to determine and address needs related to volunteers and donations management. In the weeks to come, pre-registered volunteers will receive notification of opportunities to serve Mississippi communities in need.

MCVS Deputy Director of Programs and Operations Brandi McNeil said, "Volunteer registration allows MCVS to maximize volunteers' impact by matching a group or individual's skills and availability to a community's immediate needs. MCVS works with state and local Emergency Managers to ensure that volunteers can safely and effectively serve those with the greatest needs in times of disaster."

To date, MCVS has documented over **7,600** tornado relief volunteers serving over **33,300** hours since Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, with Volunteer Reception Centers (VRCs) still active in four tornado-affected counties. VRCs, in coordination with MCVS and local Emergency Managers, are now scheduling volunteer groups for structured disaster recovery activities. All volunteers should call ahead to local VRCs to schedule volunteer work.

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#### **Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service**

In response to the April 27<sup>th</sup> tornados, the Commission has secured approximately 7,000 volunteers through 4 Volunteer Reception Centers. The Commission is currently supporting American Red Cross shelters and coordinating with the Disaster Recovery Center.

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#### **Natchez Sr. Corps**

Sr. Corps members are staffing a call center and working with seniors in the affected area.

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#### **Mississippi Lafayette County Oxford Park Senior Corps RSVP**

Lafayette County Oxford Park Senior Corps RSVP volunteers are coordinating volunteers in Lafayette County, under the direction of the RSVP Program Director.

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#### **Mississippi Lauderdale County Senior Corps RSVP and United Way of East Mississippi, American Red Cross**

Volunteers are answering phones at the United Way of East Mississippi. RSVPs are also assisting the Red Cross as volunteers at the Union Baptist Church south of Meridian.

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#### **Mississippi AmeriCorps State Members from City of Jackson and America Reads-Mississippi (ARM)**

Members from City of Jackson and America Reads-Mississippi (ARM) are assisting their communities in the response.

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### **TENNESSEE**

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**Tornados-April 27<sup>th</sup>**

#### **NEW Volunteer Tennessee**

##### **Greene County, TN**

Volunteer Tennessee staff is assisting in recovery work in Greene County, TN in a rural area that was heavily affected.

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#### **NEW Atlantic Region NCCC and Greene County Emergency Management Agency Greene County, TN**



**To be deployed: June 10-30, 2011**

An AmeriCorps NCCC team from the Atlantic Region will be deployed to Greene County, TN to assist with light-medium chain saw work. Members will also separate materials related to complete home/mobile home destruction, recycling of related materials and relocation of materials to within 25 feet of main roads for the Tennessee Department of Transportation to use grapple trucks to remove debris. Additionally, there is a need to educate residents about removing and cleaning of their properties.

**Memphis AmeriCorps Members**

Members are volunteering their assistance with sandbagging, delivering meals, and volunteering at local shelters.

**Red Cross Rural Initiative**

- The state-wide Red Cross Rural Initiative project has generated 91 VISTA-recruited Red Cross volunteers in the Bradley (Cleveland), McMinn, Meigs Polk County region.
- Volunteers have received Red Cross training and 22 of them were/are active as a result of the recent tornado activity.

**Tennessee Campus Compact VISTAs  
Bradley County, TN**

Two VISTAs, currently serving with the Tennessee Campus Compact, have been involved in recovery and one VISTA member was asked by local EMA to be the point of contact for the county.

**Alexian Brothers-RSVP  
Chattanooga, TN**

RSVP has several volunteers working in disaster response at the Salvation Army warehouse. The RSVP project is collecting non-perishable food, water, etc.

**WYOMING**

**Wyoming State Commission and NCCC Pacific Region**

AmeriCorps Pacific Region NCCC has been in communication with the WY State Commission re: response to state-declared disasters due to flooding. The WY Commission has been tasked with managing volunteers, and have indicated that they may need NCCC assistance in setting up/opening at least 3 VRCs; no official request has been received.

**RESOURCES**

**NEW Calling all Joplin Volunteers  
Joplin Service Reflection**

Reflect upon your service to Joplin. Focus on anything from the smallest, most personal change that you have effected in this community, to the big picture of what AmeriCorps is accomplishing in Joplin, or even a change that you have witnessed in yourself or your peers.

**Submit ALL Reflections to:** [joplinreflections@gmail.com](mailto:joplinreflections@gmail.com)

**Submissions can take ANY form:**

Story - Essay - Journal Entry - Audio - Quote - Video - Photo - Poem - Etc....

**Questions to Jog your Reflection:**

What moment has touched you the most? What went through your mind when you first got on



the ground? What would you say to the everyday American that wants to help? Is this your first time responding to a disaster? What will you take home from this experience?

**Final Product:** A book capturing the impact and experience of AmeriCorps in the city of Joplin will be compiled. **Top Selection:** The submissions will be reviewed by the Director of AmeriCorps and the best submission will be chosen to be included in a formal press release by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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**NEW Montana Flooding Resources**

- DES and National Service Volunteer Community Network Directory (<http://serve.mt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/DES-and-National-Service-Volunteer-Community-Directory-Updated-5.31.11.pdf>)
- Serve Montana Flood Resources (<http://serve.mt.gov/?p=6512>)
- The Volunteer Center (<http://volunteer.truist.com/uwyellowstone/volunteer/>) to register as a volunteer with the American Red Cross or Salvation Army
- Build Montana (<http://www.mtnonprofit.org/content.aspx?id=2751>) to look for volunteer opportunities

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**NEW South Dakota Flooding Information**

Be Ready South Dakota, Emergency management:  
<http://www.breadysd.com/> or call the hotline at 1, 866 446-5324.

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**NEW Free Hurricane Exercise- June 23, 2011**

Formidable Footprint – National Community / Neighborhood Exercise Series

Hurricane Season 2011 – Neighborhood, community and faith based organizations now have an opportunity to assess their disaster planning and response capabilities by participating in the Formidable Footprint Hurricane Exercise scheduled for June 23 2011. The Formidable Footprint exercise series has been designed for CERTs, Neighborhood Watch Programs, Neighborhood Associations, Community / Faith Based Organizations, Citizen Corps, Fire Corps and others to assess their disaster readiness and response capabilities via a meaningful internet based exercise opportunity.

There is NO CHARGE for participation in any of the Formidable Footprint exercises. For additional information or to register for the up-coming Hurricane Exercise please access the following web site today:  
[www.formidablefootprint.org](http://www.formidablefootprint.org)

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**State Service Commission Donation and Volunteer Coordination**

For information on how to donate or where to sign up to volunteer in response to the recent natural disasters, please visit your State Service Commission's website. The following State Service Commissions are coordinating donations and volunteer opportunities in their states.

Alabama <http://www.servealabama.gov/2010/default.aspx>

Hands On Birmingham is another good resource for Birmingham, AL  
<http://www.handsonbirmingham.org/>

Mississippi	<a href="http://www.mcvs.org/">http://www.mcvs.org/</a>
Illinois	<a href="http://www2.illinois.gov/serve/Pages/default.aspx">http://www2.illinois.gov/serve/Pages/default.aspx</a>
Iowa	<a href="http://www.volunteeriowa.org/">http://www.volunteeriowa.org/</a>
Tennessee	<a href="http://www.volunteertennessee.net/">http://www.volunteertennessee.net/</a>

Note: If your State Service Commission is coordinating donations or volunteers and we have inadvertently left your name off this list, please email [dsu@cns.gov](mailto:dsu@cns.gov) with the relevant information and we will update the list in the next brief.

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#### **About CNCS DSU**

*The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) maintains a sustained commitment to disaster services through the Disaster Services Unit (DSU). The DSU is charged with coordinating the agency's activities (preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery) across departments and programs. The DSU has a strong focus on building external relationships with national, state, and local leaders from the nonprofit, government and private sectors that are critical to success in this field. The CNCS disaster services unit is housed within AmeriCorps NCCC but has agency-wide responsibility for coordination of CNCS disaster services activities.*

#### **Disaster Services Unit Website - Compiled Disaster Briefs can be found here!**

The CNCS Disaster Services website is now live! [http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/role\\_impact/disaster.asp](http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/role_impact/disaster.asp)

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